

son, of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, dated Jan. 29th, 1838, giving intelligence in relation to the ancient records of the State, and of the proposed publication of them at the public expense.

Stated Meeting, February 16.

Present, sixteen members.

Dr. PATTERSON, Vice President, in the Chair.

The following donations were received:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

- Patologio Generale di Lorenzo Martini. 2 vols. Capolago, 1834.—
From the Author.
- Polizia Medica di Lorenzo Martini. Capolago, 1834.—*From the Author.*
- Constitution of the United States, Rules of the Two Houses of Congress, and Jefferson's Manual. Printed by C. Sherman & Co. Philadelphia, 1837.—*From Mr. C. Sherman.*
- Familiar Letters on Public Characters and Public Events. By William Sullivan. Boston, 1834.—*From the Author.*
- The Political Class-book, intended for the Higher Classes in Schools. By William Sullivan. With an Appendix upon the Studies of Practical Men. By G. R. Emerson. Boston, 1837.—*From the Author.*
- Historical Causes and Effects, from the Fall of the Roman Empire in 476, to the Reformation in 1517. By William Sullivan. Boston, 1838.—*From the Author.*
- A View of the Land Laws of Pennsylvania, with Notices of its early History and Legislation. By Thomas Sergeant. Philadelphia, 1838.—*From the Author.*
- Transactions of the Royal Academy of Berlin for 1835. Berlin, 1837.—*From the Academy.*
- Bericht über die zur Bekanntmachung geeigneten Verhandlungen der Königl. Preuss. Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin. Berlin, 1836-7.—*From the same.*
- Weekly Register. Edited by William O. Niles. Vol. LI. Baltimore, 1836-7.—*From the Editor.*

Original Notes of M. de la Palun on Father Morrone's Cochinchinese Vocabulary.—*From P. S. Du Ponceau, Esq.*

Dissertation on the Nature and Character of the Chinese System of Writing. Being Vol. II. of the Historical Transactions of the Society. By P. S. Du Ponceau. Philadelphia, 1838.—*From the Author.*

FOR THE CABINET.

A Collection of South American copper coins.—*From Mr. Condé Raguet.*

Professor Henry, of Princeton, made a verbal communication on the lateral discharge of electricity, while passing along a wire as in the Leyden experiment, or communicated directly to an insulated wire, or to a wire connected with the earth; and detailed various experiments, proving that free electricity is not, under any circumstances, conducted silently to the earth.

Dr. Bache announced the death of Dr. John Eberle, a member of the Society, who died at Lexington, Ky., on the 2d of February, aged 54.

Stated Meeting, March 2.

Present, twenty-three members.

MR. DU PONCEAU, President, in the Chair.

The following donations were received:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Atlas of Europe, executed at the Geographical Establishment of Brussels in 1833. Containing 165 Maps. By Vandemaden. Brussels, 1833.—*From Mr. H. S. Tanner, and twenty-one other members of the Society.*

Autographs of the Members of the Pennsylvania Convention for amending the Constitution. 1837-8.—*From J. K. Kane, Esq.*

The Principles of Political Economy. By Henry Vethake. Philadelphia, 1838.—*From the Author.*